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PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. That brings up then LB 756.

CLERK: LB 756. Read.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This bill establishes the Agricultural Products Industrial Uses Committee as a separate agency. It removes the funds from the direction from the Legislative Council and gives them the authority to handle their own money. And we had to do this because the Attorney General rules that the Legislature could not both appropriate the money and direct the spending of that money. And so, this was necessary for the Committee to continue to operate. And I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: A question. Did I understand there that you are taking it out of the gasoline fund?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, Senator Syas, this money that we have collected here is 1/8 of a cent of the gas tax that has been refundable to farmers. And it goes into this fund, and has been doing this for three years.

SENATOR SYAS: O.K.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of the bill? The question is then, shall LB 756 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. That brings up LB 888.

CLERK: LB 888, read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Members of the Legislature I move the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments, Mr. Chairman. I believe I will just explain the bill and the committee amendments at the same time. If that's O.K. with the President. Is that all right?

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The bill itself provides the Department of Agriculture with some money, \$40,000 is the A-Bill on it. To provide assistance to the dissemination of the Market News Services across the State of Nebraska. They have of course a precedence in this area, because they have over the years engaged in this type of activity to some extent. But they did not specifically have this kind of authority, and so the committee introduces this bill, and the Department is going to place some people in the markets to gather news, to gather market news, and provide this information to the farmers. And I move the adoption of the committee amendments.